

The Church of the Ascension
Minutes of the Vestry
July 16, 2019

Present: Rev. Stewart Tabb, Susan Motley, Tim Westfall, Robert Baird, Anji Harris, Chuck Beers, Ann McMellin, Lana Butler, Debra Griggs and Kristan Huddle

I. Welcome: Susan Motley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Robert Baird led the opening devotion.

II. Register: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the previous month's meeting (May 21st) and unanimously approved.

III. Staff Reports - Susan Motley stated that Mark Hattler reported the 4's classroom is now in place. Also, the plans for the former EYC room are in process.

IV. Building and Grounds Report: Tim Westfall present. See his written report included in Attachment #1 (email from Susan Motley dated 7/16/19). A motion to proceed with the baffling as a first step to improve sound in the sanctuary was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

V. Pastoral Care Report: See Pastoral Care report from George Maihafer in Attachment #2 (email from Stewart Tabb dated 7/16/19).

VI. Food Pantry: Lana Butler present and provided detailed information on how the Food Pantry works. Highlights: Our Food Pantry is administered under Feeding America and then the Food Bank of SE VA. Some 50 volunteers are involved every month in the feeding of 18 to 20 people twice a week, each week. Currently the food pantry is funded by donations but will need to be considered for a line item in the budget in the future, as the donated funds are running out. Lana gave a tour of the food pantry to the Vestry members.

VII. Outreach and Fellowship Report: See Outreach and Fellowship reports in Attachment #1 (email from Susan Motley dated 7/16/19).

VIII. Treasurer's/Finance Report: Chuck Beers present. See his written report in Attachment #3A (email from Chuck Beers dated 7/13/19/), and Attachment #3B (email from Chuck Beers dated 7/17/16).

IX. Clergy Report: Stewart Tabb present.

1. NEST Concert with pianist, Ben Bradford scheduled for 7pm, Monday 7/22/19.
2. Susan Meredith and Courtney Wheeler to attend Vision Day 7/27/19.
3. Sacred Ground Class going well.
4. Beginning of Stewardship Campaign. Vestry and Committee members to begin making presentations on Sundays during early and late services.
5. Stewart will be on vacation 7/23-7/28/19.
6. Organist, Cody Mead's first Sunday August 18th.

X. Schedule/Devotions: Robert Baird led the closing devotion. The next Vestry meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Susan Motley will lead devotions for this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristan Huddle

Reports for the 16 July Vestry Meeting

Outreach report submitted by Ann McMellin

Church of the Ascension Outreach Ideas for 2019 - 2020

Successful Events - Continue to Support Salvation Army Christmas Stockings

Food Pantry Food Collection

Blood Drive

NEST

New Opportunities to Research and Develop

Granby Elementary & Granby High School

School Supply Needs - Fall and Ongoing Basic Supplies

Backpacks

Calculators/ special Items needed by older students Personal Hygiene Kits

Food Pantry Families - Additional Needs Hygiene Supplies

School Supplies

Norfolk Public Housing Families - Moving Assistance Needs

Explore needs through Barbara Ham Lee/ Mayor Alexander Moving/Packing Supplies

Volunteer Moving Crews

Catholic Worker - Homeless Outreach

Breakfast Prep & Serve at Sacred Heart Church

Just Faith and Sowers - Community Outreach Projects

Explore opportunities that could be a good fit for Ascension

Debra Griggs - Explore opportunities to support animals in our community Talbot Park

Baptist Church - Development of NEST Clothes Closet

Fellowship reported by Susan Motley

Roni Porfert has resigned from her position as Fellowship Chairperson. We are in the process of looking for someone to fill that role.

The first Block Party on June 27th was a big success thanks to the dedicated efforts of many volunteers and Sarah Munford's unflagging leadership. We estimate attendance at 130 and we anticipate that the attendance at the event this Thursday will be even greater.

The weather is nice in the shade so please attend and make an effort to talk to our neighbors. Stewart has a set of conversation starter cards that you might find helpful. Introduce yourself as a Vestry member. Ask "Where have you come from?" Ask, "What do you know about Ascension?" Ask, "What can Ascension do for the community?" Don't forget to listen for answers. Oh! And don't forget to have a good time!

Building & Grounds for agenda.

1. Electrical Items –
 - a. Sanctuary HVAC duct in fan room to be relined. TBD Tim W.
 - b. DO Fire inspection (BEPE) ourselves? investigating Partial perhaps
 - c. DO Preventative maintenance (ala Professional) ourselves? Partial perhaps
 - d. Nativity scene light power ?
 - e. Per Chuck Spence, the speaker up in the Choir Loft is no longer working,
 - f. Sound system upgrade to Rose Hall : Parts being done . CB
 - g. Rose Hall HVAC replacement this month. MD

h. Professional replaced outside AC fan capacitor as the fan did not rotate. pay bill

2. Painting (ETC)

- a. Lounge wall under windows needs attention. Keith Martin
- b. Outside wall above windows to right of Rose hall hallway entrance. KM
- c. NEW. Sacristy ceiling old leak. cover up , repaint KM
- d. ROSE HALL new window. Get tinting Chuck B. With dayschool effort later.
- e. Cable to entrance way for nametags String working well
- f. Alter shelf refinishing, supports tightened? Larry B. DONE ?

3. Plumbing

- a, Handicap restroom sloan flush valve minor leak fixed. Sink needs attention..

4.. Grounds. –

- a. Drainage: Underground piping around church to be reconnected / cleaned out. Digless method perhaps. TBD (sketch of tubing available)
- b. Near Labyrinth: water seepage repaired. Gentle Rain maintenance done. \$500

5. Structure:

1 Front door pivot hinge replacement done (both) and hydraulic closure moved.

b. Columbarium brief received by Chuck B and Tim W. Anji H. in charge. no action now.

c. Newport Avenue side brick wall may need repointing. to discuss..

6. Day School - two window ac units being upgraded. MD.

Admin:

a.

BUDGET: R&M well below budget.

b. Vision Ahead. Leadership need.. Old 2010 blueprint exists.